CLAIMS

1.   A camera, comprising:

2   a memory for storing at least one camera setting for each of at least one

3   user;

4   a user identification sensor for identifying at least one of said at least

5   one user of the camera; and

6   a processor for controlling the camera according to said stored at least

7   one camera setting in response to a signal from the sensor.

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1   2   The camera recited in claim 1 wherein said user identification sensor

2   comprises at least one from the group of a switch, toggle, button, slide, and rotating

3   knob.

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1   3.   The camera recited in claim 1 wherein said user identification sensor

2   comprises a code entry device.

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1   4   The camera recited in claim 1 wherein said user identification sensor

2   comprises a physical attribute sensor.

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1   5.   The camera recited in claim 1 wherein the setting is an exposure mode

2   setting selected from the group consisting of aperture-preferred, shutter speed-

3   preferred, and automatic exposure settings.

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6.   A camera, comprising:

2   means for identifying at least one user of the camera; and

3   means for automatically controlling the camera according to the

4   identification of the user.

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1   7.   The camera recited in claim 6, wherein the means for automatically

2   controlling the camera comprises means for setting a mode of operation selected from

3   the group consisting of an exposure mode, a flash mode, and a shutter control mode of

4   operation.

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8.   The camera recited in claim 6, wherein said means for identifying user

is selected from the group consisting of a switch, code entry device, and a physical

3   attribute sensor.

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1   9.   A computer-readable medium for use with a camera, comprising

2   logic for identifying at least one user of the camera; and

3   logic for controlling the camera according to the identification of the

4   user.

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1   10.   The computer-readable medium recited in claim 10, wherein the logic

2   for controlling the camera includes logic for setting a mode of operation selected from

3   the group consisting of an exposure mode, a flash mode, and a shutter control mode of

4   operation.

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11.   The computer-readable medium recited in claim 9, wherein the logic

for identifying at least one user of the camera includes logic for receiving input from a

3   device selected from the group consisting of a switch, code entry device, and a

4   physical attribute sensor.

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1   12.   A method of operation for a camera, comprising the steps of:

2   receiving a user identification; and

3   controlling the camera according to the received user identification.

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1   13.   The method recited in claim 12, wherein the controlling step comprises

2   automatically setting a mode of operation selected from the group consisting of an

3   exposure mode, a flash mode, and a shutter control mode of operation.

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14.   The method recited in claim 14, wherein said receiving step includes

receiving a signal from a device selected from the group consisting of a switch, code

3   entry device, and a physical attribute sensor.

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